

It requires, however, the constant and unremitting labors of some such man as Bro. Wetmore to urge forward such a movement successfully. No man of ordinary piety & zeal can move a thousand Christians, and diffuse his spirit of devotedness through them all. I know of scarce another such individual living, with all of his system, and self-denial and practical skill; if you possess it, or should God raise up a man who does, then will the enterprise move forward, with the blessing of Heaven, and be productive of an amount of good to souls - especially of the poor & neglected - such as can be wished for from almost no other instrumentality.

The principle of this enterprise lies at the very foundation of ^{external} Christian duties; it is palpably on the very surface of the scriptures, and will be obligatory until some shall "need to say to his brother, Know the Lord". I trust it is becoming more general in its practical adoption by members of the Church of Christ; and that speedily it will be found that when "the Spirit & the bride say, Come", "He that heareth" will "say, Come", with that affectionate earnestness and directness characteristic of those who "turn many unto righteousness" & who are to "shine as the stars forever & ever". -

It is my intention to visit Boston in May and June (Deo volente) and carry out the volume Enterprise of this Society; I shall then cheerfully do any thing in my power to promote the object you contemplate, and shall be happy to confer with you in reference to this & other modes of advancing the interests of the precious Kingdom of our Redeemer.

In haste, your affy. R. Hook
Cor. Sec. Am. Tr. Socy.

R. S. Cook,

New York, March, 13, 1841

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Rev. & dear Sir,

Your letter of enquiring in respect to the operations of the N.Y. City Tract Socy, addressed to Mr. A. R. Wetmore, has been handed to me for reply, - Mr. W. being so much pre-occupied with personal matters, and other engagements, as to have little time left for Correspondence of this nature.

It is the opinion of Mr. W. as well as ~~that~~ of Mr. Hallock - and I concur with them - that you can learn more of the spirit of the Tract visitation movement, and of the modus operandi, by spending 3 days in this city, than from a months Correspondence. The Tract Missions meet each Saturday P.M. at 2 o'clock for Consultation & business, and you would gather many practical hints from their mode of transacting their concerns.

They also have a Prayer meeting each Tuesday E. ev. - The Board have a public meeting each month on the fourth Monday, in the evening, which it would be desirable for you to attend. I should think it well, if you could leave Boston very next Friday, and attend the meeting ^{of Missions} on Saturday, and the public meeting on Monday, which, with the information you might gather from Bro. Wetmore and those of us associated in the Tract department, would give you most of the intelligence you ~~would~~ seek; and help you essentially in commencing the operation at Boston. - With the expectation of seeing & conferring with you, I forbear a particular statement of the kind I should otherwise be happy to make. -

I rejoice sincerely, to know that an efficient movement of this kind is contemplated at B, and I have not a doubt of its success if commenced and prosecuted in the spirit of the same work so long and successfully prosecuted in this City, Philad^a & elsewhere.